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Testimony of Mr. James Cooper before a Committee of the House of Commons, May 21st, 1857, on the Hudson's Bay Company, and the government affairs of Vancouver Island.

Chairman.—You are acquainted with Vancouver's Island, I believe?—Yes.

Will you have the goodness to state to the Committee what opportunities you have had to become so acquainted with it?—I have been a resident there for six years as a resident and a colonist.

What six years were those?—From the spring of 1851 until the spring of 1857.

Have you still property there?—Yes.

Do you intend to return to the island?—Not at present, at all events.

Were you in connexion with the government of the colony?—I was a member of Council there for five years.

Are you connected with the Hudson's Bay Company in any manner?—Not at all; I was formerly in their service; in command of their vessels; but I went out there decidedly independent, on my own account.

Are there any statements with regard to Vancouver's Island which you are desirous of making to this Committee?—I have some; but I am not prepared to give them to-day; I arrived in town only a few hours ago. On what particular questions are the Committee desirous of having information?

That is for you; we shall be glad to have any information upon the state of Vancouver's Island?—I am prepared to answer any questions, to the best of my ability, that are put in form.

Did you pursue the business of an agriculturist in Vancouver's Island?—Yes, I did.

What extent of land did you occupy?—I had a farm of about 300 acres.

Was it your own property? It was decidedly my own property, but there are embargoes on it at present as the land is not paid for.

You bought it of the Company, I presume?—Yes.

Where is it situated?—In the district called Metchosin, about seven miles from the settlement.

What is your opinion of the soil and climate of Vancouver's Island, and of its capabilities for settlement on a large scale?—Its climate, in every sense of the word, is superior to Great Britain, and its capabilities of agriculture of considerable extent. The land is partially wooded and partially open with prairie. There is plenty of room there for a large population.

In point of fact the population has increased very slowly, I believe?—It has decreased since I have been there.

To what cause do you attribute that?—The mal-administration of the government of the Hudson's Bay Company.

To what particulars do you especially refer?—There is no encouragement for immigration into the country. Many people have come to Vancouver's Island, and have left it; they have approved of the soil, of the climate, and of the capabilities of the

country, but they have objected to being subject to the Hudson's Bay Company. If the British Government were established there, that would be only necessary step for the British Government to take. There are thousands of people in the neighborhood of San Francisco and California who would gladly go to a British colony, provided it was under a new administration.

You mean if Vancouver's Island was administered directly as a British colony, and not indirectly under the control of the Hudson's Bay Company?—Directly.

Do you believe that to be the general feeling of the inhabitants?—I am sure of it.

Will you point out to the Committee in what manner the administration of the Hudson's Bay Company operates to check colonisation?—In the first place with respect to their courts of justice, the people have not confidence in them; there are only a small number, but nevertheless they are unanimous in their opinion, they have no confidence in the courts of justice; our supreme judge has not been educated to the bar; I believe all the knowledge that he gains is from books; for instance, before he can decide upon a case, he has to refer to his books even in the most common case.

I believe most judges are in the habit of referring to books before they decide cases, are they not?—I dare say they are; he has never been educated as a lawyer; that is the grand thing.

Do you not think that under any circumstances the population of Vancouver Island would have slowly increased, from California holding out great attractions to settlers just now?—That no doubt has been a great drawback to Vancouver's Island, but what we have felt as the greatest drawback is being omitted in the Canadian Reciprocity Treaty; therefore we are cut out, we have no market for our exports; it would have been a great boon to the colony, had we been admitted at the same time as Canada was admitted.

What American markets would you have supplied? do you mean California principally?—We should then be on the same terms as a State of the United States.

To what American markets do you anticipate that you would be able especially to export your produce?—San Francisco in particular.

Have you had any opportunity of becoming acquainted with the mineral resources of Vancouver's Island?—To some extent I have. It abounds in coal, and there is a very large colliery belonging to the Company now at a place about 70 miles to the north, called Nanaimo, or Colville Town.

That is coal, I believe, of very fine quality?—Yes; it is good for all purposes of generating steam, I believe.

Is their any export at all of produce to the California market now from Vancouver's Island?—None whatever. The competition is so great from the Puget Sound, that it would be impossible, in fact, for us to compete with them as on nearly all the commodities which we could export there is a duty of 25 or 30 per cent.

A differential duty?—Yes.

You would chiefly send breadstuffs and timber?—And coal and salt fish.

Is there a differential duty to that extent upon your coal?—Twenty per cent.; but it is merely the Hudson's Bay Company at present who have a coal mine there. Nevertheless, if it were admitted free into San Francisco it would be a great boon to the country; it would create a trade.

The rivers and waters of Vancouver's Island abound in fish, I believe?—They do; there are no rivers in Vancouver's Island of any extent; but the Straits of Juan de Fuca and all the salt water inlets around Vancouver's Island abound in fish.

Are there not salmon in the rivers?—Salmon are caught in salt-water, and also in Fraser's River on the mainland, in respect of which the Hudson's Bay Company have the exclusive right of trade, very much to the drawback of the settlers and colonists there.

Are there many Indians on the island?—

I should presume there are something like 18,000 or 20,000 on the island.

Do they give any trouble, or is order preserved between them and the white men generally?—We have never had much trouble from them; but a serious trouble is anticipated, unless there is a force there to keep them in check.

Why so?—Because they are excited by the wars now prevailing on the continent close to their borders; so much so, that the Indians are quite cognisant of the facts which are taking place on the opposite side within a few miles of them.

I believe there has been a very serious and destructive war carried on on the American side of the frontier between the Indians and the white men?—Yes, a very barbarous war.

But hitherto there has been absolute peace on the British side of the frontier?—We have only had one or two little difficulties, yet they have always ended comparatively quietly, and we have had very little trouble with them; we have occasionally had the assistance of a man-of-war up there and we have checked it in its bud.

Are you aware of any instances that have lately occurred in which individual outrages have been perpetrated in Vancouver's Island, by red men, and where they have been brought to justice with the consent of the tribes, and without any difficulty?—Yes in two instances.

Do you think it very important to be able to maintain that influence over these tribes?—It certainly would be; but I am afraid it will not last much longer unless we have a force permanently stationed on the island. At present we have only one constable; we have no military force there at all, so much so that the settlers are squatting about the country, and we are liable to get our throats cut at any moment's notice.

You say that you have only one constable; in what way were these Indians apprehended?—By the assistance of the men-of-war; it could not be done without. Her Majesty's ship "Trincomalee," was the vessel that went up last, and on the former occasion Her Majesty's ship "Thetis."

When you left the colony had the constitution been fully brought into effect in the way it now is?—Nominally. There was a legislative assembly constituted, but we could not muster a sufficient number of members to sit at it; there were only six or seven members eligible for the position.

What was the number of voters?—I suppose every member was returned by one or two voters.

What was the number of whitemen altogether on the island?—Not more than 250 or 300.

Do you know what the qualification for being an elector of Vancouver's Island is?—Yes; that he should hold 20 acres of land.

What did the constituency, with that qualification, give in point of numbers; do you remember?—There were not a great many holding that quantity of land.

And of those the greater number, I believe, are servants of the Hudson's Bay Company?—Yes, most of them; there are no free settlers at Vancouver's Island. The mechanics and tradespeople that have gone out there, under the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company, instead of returning to Great Britain have bought land there and remain. I, and a gentleman of the name of Grant, Captain Grant, were the only persons who complied with the prospectus of the Company. I took out men from England with me.

In short the sum of your opinion is that it would be desirable to constitute Vancouver's Island a British colony, in the ordinary manner, and to govern it with the institutions which usually belong to a British colony under those circumstances?—Most assuredly.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 8th.

THE QUESTION.

No question demands a closer scrutiny by the people, nor none has a more important bearing on the prosperity and advancement and good government of this colony, than the Franchise Bill, now before the Assembly. The country should speak out in unmistakeable language their views, in regard to it. Meetings should be held at once. That the Assembly are dealing improperly with the question there is no doubt. The idea of representing *property* instead of men is so extravagantly absurd, that were it not repeated again and again by members, no sane man would for a moment suppose that that body would ever expose themselves to the ludicrous conclusions, which must evidently follow the admission of such a principle, and which are apparent to the most unreflecting. The object of a property qualification is not to represent property. If the reverse was the case, and 20 acres of land constituted a vote, then he who had 1000 acres would be entitled to 50 votes. The absurdity of such a principle is self-evident. All that is required as a qualification for an elector is to know that he has a permanent interest in the country, and is not a mere transient sojourner, who would care nothing whether the country was heavily or lightly taxed, or well governed or mis-governed. Common consent, in a great degree, has pointed to the possession of property as the best index of an electors' permanent interest in the country, and that inasmuch as his property would be liable for the support of the government, he would consequently act more cautiously, deliberately, and wisely, in casting his vote for a member—one whom he deems trustworthy and competent to judge as to the amount of taxes which ought to be imposed, or the laws which should be enacted. The tax-paying franchise is sufficient to satisfy as of an elector's permanency. The Assembly however are not at present inclined to enact it. Neither is it disposed to deal fairly with the country. We confess that we cannot approve of a diversified suffrage—jumbled up in an incomprehensible style, making *nothing* the qualification for doctors, &c. \$100 which is 20 acres of land for others, and \$400 dollars worth of property for others, with variations *ad infinitum*. We look for uniformity and equality, and deny the superiority of diplomas to common sense and common experience. Besides it is unjust to permit some to vote with nothing, and to compel the mass to have an unnecessarily large property. Equal and exact justice to all is claimed, and all should be so treated. An elector in Victoria should be as much entitled to vote off a \$100 in property here, as the man who owns \$100 in land in the country. We see neither reason or justice for the difference.

The principle admitted yesterday by the House to allow an elector to vote in every district in which he has a 20 acre qualification or otherwise is simply representing property on the joint stock or shareholding principle, and not representing men; and is utterly inadmissible and unsuited to a fair and equal distribution of the electoral power. One man by this property-representing dodge may be equal to five or six—for it is not impossible to vote in a majority of the districts. No man should be allowed to vote, except once, and that in the district where he has resided sufficiently long to become acquainted with its wants.

UP RIVER.—The steamer Douglas went up yesterday morning with nearly 100 tons of freight principally barley, 20 passengers and 73 Chinamen.

THE ALLEGED CUSTOM HOUSE FRAUDS.

On Monday at 12 o'clock, Mr. Charles A. Angelo was brought up before Augustus Pemberton and Chartres Brew, Esqrs., pursuant to the postponement had on the previous Wednesday, charged with the embezzlement of the public moneys while acting as Clerk in the Custom House. The Court House was crowded with spectators, The Crown Solicitor and the Attorney General appeared for the Government, and Mr. Crease and Mr. Crosby for the defendant. The Crown Solicitor said he was prepared to proceed with the case.

The information of Mr. Wymond Handy made on the previous occasion and another information charging him with having embezzled various sums of money, were read.

The Crown Solicitor then called Alexander C. Anderson, who deposed as follows:

I have resided in Victoria about a year. Have been the Collector during that period. My duties embraced those appertaining to British Columbia, from the 10th of November last. They were extended to British Columbia until the arrival of the present Collector for that colony. I have known the accused since the middle of July last. He was employed as a clerk in the Custom House. I employed him by the direction of His Excellency, the Governor. His duties were to issue licenses, make out accounts, and hand over money to the Cashier every day. I was absent for one month and I gave him authority during my absence to issue permits, but not registers. This authority ceased on my return. At that time I was not acting for British Columbia. After that period he was Receiver and Clerk. His duties were to enter all moneys he received, I knew the accused's hand-writing. The 8 permits produced are made out by him. It was his duty to enter all moneys received by him in this book produced, and he was responsible for them as Receiver. The entries are supposed to be in his own handwriting, or entered under his direction. None of these 8 permits (issued to Hunteon, & Co.) are entered in the book. This book is called "the Duty Book" and should show each amount of duty and cash received for permits. [Permits issued to Curtis & Pettibones produced.] None of these are entered. Second portion of permit No. 9, is not entered in the book. In one of the permits the articles in it are not the same as those entered in the book.

Mr. Crease intimated that sums of money were received at different times and lumped together and paid over.

Examination resumed. The signature of Mr. Angelo to all these permits is in his handwriting.

The Attorney General stated that none of these permits that were not numbered were of course entered in the book.

Examination by the Attorney General continued. There is no other book in which moneys received should have been entered, in the first instance; the book produced is the Day Book. The moneys received for duties ought to have been entered the same evening as received. Since the 23rd March it was the custom to make out a weekly account and pay over the money into the Treasury. Before that period the custom was to make out the account daily and pay moneys over to me, which was then entered into the Cash Book. Before the 23rd of March the keys of the safe were in my possession. Mr. Angelo had the custody of the money; he was general cashier. No moneys have been paid to me that are not entered in this book. It is possible that the contents of permit No. 2 is included in another permit, and that some of the moneys paid over to me by Mr. Angelo might include money received on some of these permits.

Cross-examined by Mr. Crosby. Some of the entries in the book were made by my son and other parties. A young man was employed by me, as clerk, on the 23rd of February, there is an entry in Mr. Brickham's writing. On the date of March 4th, No. 820 is entered, but there is no entry on the 5th March. I have not been in the habit of examining the books, as I have found Mr. Angelo very correct in keeping accounts during the early part of his career, but I have since found these great errors. Some of the permits issued were signed by myself, when Mr. Angelo was out of the way. At times there was a great pressure of business in the office, and Mr. Angelo was occasionally much pressed, during February, March, April, and May. Sometimes 30 or 40 people would be waiting,

and mistakes might occur. There were occasions in which there were \$145 and \$137 surplus money. Mr. Angelo called my attention to the fact that there were \$137 surplus money in the safe. There is money in the safe belonging to deceased persons. Mr. Angelo had access to these moneys. Mr. Angelo had occasional permission to issue permits after Office hours, and to receive moneys and carry them to the next day's account. The safe was open during the day, and my son and other persons had access to it. I believe the moneys received were on account of British Columbia and Vancouver's Island. I do not know but that my son may have taken permits to Mr. Angelo to sign and receive the money for them. Mr. Angelo has been in the habit of disbursing money. Some disbursements were made in small sums, and some in large ones. Very innocent mistakes might be made through pressure of business. Mr. Angelo has signed clearances, permits, harbour licences, certificates, Custom House bills, and copied letters. Landing permits and duty permits might have been placed on the same file.

Mr. Crosby asked Mr. Anderson if, in his opinion, the irregularities charged against Mr. Angelo might not have been committed in perfect innocence of fraud.

The Attorney General objected to this question. The rule as to experts was well known. Mr. Anderson was not an expert.

The question was not put.

Re-examined by the Attorney General. The money paid to Mr. Angelo for permits, was either paid to Mr. Angelo, or to some person under his inspection. In making out some accounts, Mr. Angelo has shown two surplus amounts, \$145 and \$137, which he handed over to me.

By Mr. Crease. Mr. Angelo was appointed sole cashier, verbally by me, and was entirely responsible for the cash.

By Mr. Pemberton. My construction upon the conduct of Mr. Angelo, in handing over the surplus moneys, was that he was an honest man.

The Attorney General said he could show how the surplus of \$145 arose.

By Mr. Pemberton. The account of moneys comprised about \$2000 in which was included the surplus of \$145.

The Attorney General then called Mr. George Reynolds. Upon being sworn, Mr. Pemberton asked him if he was a Jew. Amid some laughter, he replied that he was not, nor was he aware that he looked like one. He deposed:

I paid some custom duties in May last. To whom I cannot remember.

The Attorney General. Then you may go down.

Mr. Reynolds:—Thank you. (laughter)

The Attorney General then applied for a remand, in order to procure further evidence.

Mr. Crease hoped the Bench would take a moderate amount of bail.

The Attorney General said he understood that the defalcations might reach to at least \$20,000.

Mr. Crease.—Not \$20,000—not one cent when it comes to the proof. He acted as an honest man. He might have destroyed all the evidence against him.

Mr. Robert was called and examined by the Attorney General. I received permits for duty, but did not notice by whom they were signed. I paid a duty of \$33, but do not recollect to whom. I cannot remember whether Mr. Angelo was present or not.

Mr. Curtis examined. [Permit shown to him] The Attorney General:—Did you pay duties on any of these items?

Witness:—I cannot recollect.

The Attorney General:—Then you may go down. (Laughter)

The Attorney General again applied for a remand.

Mr. Crease pressed for bail.

The Crown Solicitor:—It is impossible, until we find the extent of the defalcations.

Mr. Crease asked the Bench to grant bail, and named as a reasonable sum two sureties of \$1600 each. Mr. Angelo's wife was actually deprived of the means of obtaining bread. All his property and money were attached.

The Crown Solicitor said that defalcations to the extent of \$450.29 had been discovered since Saturday last.

Mr. Pemberton said it was impossible to tell what the extent of the defalcations really was.

Mr. Crease pressed the application on various grounds, among others, that his family were suffering every day from his confinement.

Mr. Pemberton said he could not alter the amount of the bail, and remanded the further examination until Monday next.

CRIME IN VICTORIA.—During the week commencing May 30, and ending Sunday June 5th.

Monday 2 o'clock p. m., Hyder woman murdered near old brick-yard, a tomahawk stuck into her head, and a knife into her breast.

Tuesday afternoon a Hyder boy was shot through the head, either by accident or design. Same evening Police officer Cochran was murdered.

Saturday evening a Bellabella woman was murdered near Capt. Dodd's new house by being shot with a pistol.

The above speaks volumes. We fear Justice Pemberton takes counsel in relation to Indian affairs from a high source, which reflects little credit on principal or subordinate. Whilst justice should be tempered with mercy, particularly towards the Indians, we fear there is too much of the latter for public safety, and that the former is really blind. Our civilization, our laws, and religion is doing but little towards weaning the Indian from his thirst for blood; and those who have arrogated to themselves superior tact in dealing with red men, do not show it very conspicuously. In town and country the white man's life and property is becoming daily more insecure, owing to Indian depredations. It was only the other day that Capt. Nagle's little son was threatened with stabbing by an Indian and a basket of strawberries taken from him. A remedy must be applied; the sale of arms and ammunition entirely prohibited under severest penalties—and the Indians placed remote from settlements.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Monday, June 6th.

The House met at 5 o'clock, p. m., the Speaker presiding.

Mr. McKay introduced Mr. Barnston as the member elect from Nanaimo.

The Speaker inquired if Mr. Barnston had qualified.

Mr. Barnston said he had not, and was not prepared to qualify.

The Hon. member then withdrew. A motion was then made and seconded to issue a new writ for the election of another member, upon which some discussion took place.

Mr. Yates drew the attention of the House to the fact that Nanaimo had but one elector. He thought the matter had better stand over until the general election. No further action was taken in the matter.

The Franchise Bill.

Order of the day. The House then went into Committee on this Bill, Mr. Skinner in the chair.

On the motion of Mr. Yates the possession of a voters property qualification of £150 was stricken out and 100 substituted.

Mr. Yates also moved to strike out £20 nominal rental and insert £15, but his motion was lost.

The clause conferring a plurality of votes on persons having property in different districts was carried.

The Speaker moved an amendment to clause 5th conferring a vote on any person having charge of a farm 20 acres at least of which are under cultivation, and having a share in the profits thereof amounting to at least one-fourth provided he shall have been in charge of the said farm at least 12 months previous to the time of voting—carried.

The Speaker moved an addition to the same clause, conferring the right to vote on surgeons and physicians possessing diplomas from constituted colleges in Great Britain, Ireland, and the colonies, and barristers and attorneys qualified to practice in England or the colonies provided they have resided at least six months previously in Vancouver's Island—Carried.

The Speaker then moved the insertion of a clause prescribing a real property qualification of £300 for Representatives, with a six months possession of the same and a six months residence in the colony; that all persons who had taken the oath of allegiance to any foreign country, to take the oath of allegiance to the Queen in the Supreme Court before election. No salaried officers for British Columbia to be allowed to be a representative, nor any minister of any denomination. The Speaker remarked especially in reference to persons who had taken the oath of allegiance to foreign countries, had committed a crime. Having alighted their Queen and country and become subjects of a foreign power, it was but proper that any such persons, if becoming candidates, should first take the oath of allegiance to the Sovereign whom they had abjured.

Mr. Yates and Mr. Pemberton thought such a clause unnecessary and injudicious. It was supported by Mr. McKay and Mr. Skinner, and the entire amendment was carried.

The Public Lands.

Mr. Yates asked Mr. Pemberton what had been done towards opening up the lands. A large number of persons had left by the last steamer who were desirous of settling in the country, if they could have got land. Every inducement ought to be held out to intending settlers.

Mr. Pemberton quite agreed as to the propriety of holding out inducements to settlers. He knew nothing about British Columbia. There were a good many places on the island still unsettled. Some few persons,—half a dozen or so,—had called on him, and he had pointed those localities out to them, but they did not appear very urgent about it. About 17,000 acres of land had been surveyed and staked off, but this did not seem to suit.

In the Nanaimo district about 30,000 acres had been surveyed, and in the Cowichan district about 25,000 acres. It would not be safe to send up half a dozen scattered settlers to Cowichan; it would bring about an Indian attack, and subsequently a war. The last Indian difficulty that was settled cost £700. The lands could be surveyed as rapidly as they were required.

Mr. Skinner thought it probable that intending settlers had not found any road to the surveyed land. Had any arrangements been made with the Indians?

Mr. Pemberton did not think that parties of settlers could contend with them.

In reply to an observation from Mr. Yates Mr. McKay remarked that Indians had no title to lands.

The House then adjourned until Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock.

NANAIMO NEWS.

MR. EDITOR:—I will communicate to you the following information: if you have any use for such you can use it. I took passage in the H. B. Co.'s steamer *Otter*, on June 2d. Steamed up and left harbor at 2 o'clock P. M., and arrived at Nanaimo at 1 o'clock A. M. Passed on our way the Nanaimo Packet, beating with strong head wind and tide off Cowichan Gap. However much she may be altered in appearance for the worse, her steaming qualities are very much improved—having made the trip some two hours quicker than her previous rate, and passing through Dodd's Narrows or Rapids with the ebb tide running against her very strong. Too much praise cannot be given Captain Mowat for the seamens-like manner in which he guides his vessel through these dangerous passes, and the ability he displayed in piloting her to her anchorage in Commercial Inlet, where she was beached, to clean and otherwise examine her bottom. Our passengers consisted of Messrs. Dallas and Fraser. Colville Town is very much improved since my last visit some twelve months since. New wharves have been built, the most extensive one being nearly a quarter of a mile long, commencing at the mine of Mr. Robert Dunsiger, connecting with Park Head and extending into very deep water where the *Otter* could lie in perfect safety. A new road has been opened into the extensive prairie at the distance of about two and half miles from the town, and quite a number of minor improvements have also taken place. This town numbers some fifty dwellings, inhabited by the miners with their families, and with their neat gardens in the rear, give them an air of comfort and prosperity. Attached to these are the cow-houses and piggeries &c., and nearly every man can boast of having his cow, which is the common luxury of the working man. Cattle thrive amazingly from the immense growth of vetches, and an abundance of never-failing water; with the latter the town is well supplied. In my rambles I passed a new schooner being built by parties in that place, together with Capt. Walker owner of the Nanaimo Packet. She is 70 feet long, 18 feet beam and 6 feet hold, and is to beat any thing of her size on the coast. I understood whilst there that the lands around the settlement were coming into market very soon, and I hear of some contemplated improvements in the town, such as bridges, roads and churches, the latter is much needed, as the schoolhouse, where divine service is performed, is far too small.

I cannot refrain from mentioning the circumstance of having been told by the inhabitants that the officer at Nanaimo, said, at the so-called election which recently took place, "that the Indians hold land, and are entitled to a vote, as they are British subjects." On our leaving, Mr. Dallas was cheered by the miners, for whom they seemed to entertain the highest respect—from the feeling elicited on his departure, he having settled to their apparent satisfaction some differences which existed on his arrival in regard to ration-money, which had caused them to strike and refuse to work for the past month.

A PASSENGER.

Marine Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, V. I.

ARRIVALS.

June 6.—Str. Beaver, Lewis, Langley, Schr. Kossuth, Foster, Port Townsend, Str. Pacific, Patterson, San Francisco, Sleep J. C. Caswell, Taylor, Port Townsend, Str. Woodward, Lock, San Francisco, Str. Guy Douglas, Murray, Langley, June 7.—Str. Royal, Thompson, Port Townsend, June 7.—Str. Schr. Rehor, Ely, Port Townsend, Schr. Carrie Finnie, Watt, San Juan, Schr. Cardeona, Jones, Port Townsend.

CLEARANCES.

June 7.—Str. Pacific, Patterson, San Francisco, Schr. Harriet, Cullin, Port Townsend, Str. Woodward, Luckie, San Francisco, Str. Guy Douglas, Murray, Langley, Schr. Amelia, Thornton, Port Townsend, June 7.—Str. Schr. Rehor, Ely, Port Townsend, Schr. Franklin, Johnson, Whittier, Port Townsend, Schr. Rossant, Foster, Port Townsend.

COTTON DUCK, best quality, assorted numbers. For sale by

my 16th

E. C. JANDON.

The Forwood.—This steamer sailed yesterday for San Francisco, having on board 150 passengers. Wells Fargo & Co., shipped \$10,300 and Freeman & Co., \$4,225, in dust.

The *Panama* is expected on Saturday.

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BUILDING in the BEST situation in Victoria, and

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CORNER of GOVERNMENT and JOHNSON streets.

Appt. to JOSEPH BROTHERS, on the premises. It

will be rented very low if immediately taken, on ac-

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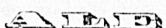
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Also, a very excellent article of heavy
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OVERSHIRTS,

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An Invoice of Saddlery, received per ship Guadalupe
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Pistol Holsters, with surcingle and patent leather
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Mr. Pierce—recently of J. and O. S. Pierce, San
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE undersigned at the old stand, Government st.,
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thanks to his numerous customers for the liberal and
patronage extended to him in his business, and takes
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shall be wanting on his part to insure a continuance
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small advance on first cost.

Purchasers desiring anything connected with the
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